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(C) Pol/Econ Chief November 1 delivered reftel demarche concerning Iran's vice chairmanship of the UN Disarmament Commission (UNDC) to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Shaikh Abdul Aziz shook his head sadly upon learning that Iran already holds the position of vice chair of the UNDC and wants to do so again. He said he would communicate with the Bahraini mission in New York to get a better understanding of the "mechanics" of Asia Group participation in the UNDC. He wondered whether there was another Asian country that was active in the Commission that could serve as a logical alternate candidate. If there was, Bahrain could encourage that country to compete for the Asian seat.

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